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Filing Date: March 27, 1997

For: **METHOD FOR INCREASING VIABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION EFFICIENCY OF BACTERIA DURING STORAGE AT LOW TEMPERATURES**

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **METHOD FOR INCREASING VIABILITY AND TRANSFORMATION EFFICIENCY OF BACTERIA DURING STORAGE AT LOW TEMPERATURES**, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked [] filed on 3/27/97 as Application Serial No. 08/826.426 and amended on _____. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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